

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1213  
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2000  
COST OF IMPORTED ITEMS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the price at which the Government are buying the Flange-020103502240, Hexagonal Screw-04050070050, Gasket-21001930180, Locking Plate-02010060580, Washer-04050040800 and Cylindrical Screw-50420020560;

(b) whether the indigenous prices of these items varying from that of the imported prices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1213 FOR 2.3.2000.

In the wake of recent allegations, of irregularities in the purchase of spares, for the Defence Forces at various Fora, including Parliament, it has been decided that the allegations of excessively and wrongly bought spares, inter alia, for the Navy need to be scrutinised by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India. Accordingly, the Comptroller & Auditor General of India has been requested to conduct a Review / Special Audit of the purchases made in the past. The office of the Comptroller & Auditor General is currently seized of the matter.

2. Further, the subject matter of the question finds a mention in a Writ Petition filed in the High Court of Delhi on 14.1.2000, which is coming up for hearing on 27.4.2000.